## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

**Please amend the Claims as follows. Insertions are shown underlined while deletions are ~~struck through~~. Please add Claims 10 and 11.**

1 (canceled)

2 (canceled)

3 (canceled)

4 (currently amended): A method for manufacturing a vibration-isolating bushing which comprises (i) an inner cylinder having a bulge portion bulging out in a direction perpendicular to its axis in an axially central area, (ii) an outer cylinder disposed outside of the inner cylinder in a spaced relation, and (iii) ~~a rubber-like~~an elastomer interposed between the inner cylinder and the outer cylinder, wherein the inner cylinder is composed of a metal pipe and an annular cover constituting the bulge portion provided on an outer periphery of an axially central part of the metal pipe, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a knurling on the outer periphery of the axially central part of the metal pipe;

providing a serration on at least one axial edge surface of the metal pipe;

quenching the metal pipe provided with the knurling and the serration;

securing the annular cover to the outer periphery of the quenched metal pipe inclusive of the knurling by molding of a synthetic resin; and

vulcanization molding the ~~rubber-like~~ elastomer at an outer periphery of the inner cylinder provided with the annular cover so as to enwrap the cover therein.

5 (previously presented): The method as set forth in claim 4, wherein the step of providing the knurling and the step of providing the serration are performed simultaneously.

6 (previously presented): The method as set forth in claim 4, wherein the quenching is cementation quenching.

7 (previously presented): The method as set forth in claim 4, wherein the knurling was formed in a lattice-like mesh pattern made of furrows having an angle of 60°-120° made by adjacent slopes of each furrow.

8 (previously presented): The method as set forth in claim 4, wherein the annular cover is formed in a barrel shape.

9 (currently amended): The method as set forth in claim 4, further comprising forming a through-hole in the ~~rubber-like~~ elastomer in an axial direction in the vicinity of the outer cylinder.

10 (new): The method as set forth in claim 4, wherein a depth of the knurling after quenching and a depth of the serration after quenching are about 0.3 mm, respectively.

11 (new): The method as set forth in claim 4, wherein the quenched metal pipe has a surface having Vickers hardness of 550 to 850 HV1 as measured on testing load of 9.8 N.